



Student Equity Committee – APPROVED Meeting Notes
October 14, 2024 / 2:30pm to 4:00pm / Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Members

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eric Lara (Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelby White-Tremazi | <input type="checkbox"/> Francesca Gambini |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Nixon (Co-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garrett Staley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urias Garcia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Quiñones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Gonzalez | <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT (A.S. Rep.) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anabel Perez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Vang | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Echeverria Newberry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tami Pearson | |

Research Team Guests: John Barkman

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Item	Agenda Topic	Notes	Meeting Outcomes
1.0	Land Acknowledgement	Urias Garcia conducted the land acknowledgment.	N/A
2.0	Review Meeting Notes: Sept. 23, 2024	Bruce Nixon shared the meeting notes from September 23, 2024; the committee members reviewed the notes and approved without any changes. Bruce Nixon introduced the new committee member Andrea Gonzalez as the Classified representative.	The committee members reviewed the meeting notes and approved without any changes.
3.0	Purpose and Function Statement/Committee Membership	Bruce Nixon shared the 2 nd draft of the Purpose and Function Statement/Committee Membership; navigated the changes and updates from the previous discussion; updated the committee membership; the committee members reviewed and approved to move forward.	The committee members reviewed and 2 nd draft and approved to move forward along with the update.
4.0	Equity Champion Workgroups: 1.Hispanic Serving/El Centro/Non-Native Speakers 2.African American/Minority Male/LGBTQ+/Formerly Incarcerated/Veterans/Honors 3.Credit/Noncredit/Older Adults/Lifelong Learners 4.Native American 5.ACCESS/API/Middle Eastern	Bruce Nixon opened the Equity Champion Workgroup reports. Anabel Perez reported a committee is exploring for Mt. SAC to qualify for 2024 Seal of Excelencia - https://www.edexcelencia.org/seal-excelencia - a national certification for institutions that strive to go beyond enrollment to serve Latino students intentionally. Andrea Gonzalez reported several events: (1) Undocumented Week (Oct 14-18, 2024) – Dream Program is hosting a week-long campaign that advocates for and provides resources to undocumented students.	N/A

Acknowledging Indigenous Peoples of Mt. SAC

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		(2) Indigenous Peoples Week (Oct 14-18, 2024) – FPNC celebrates and honors Native American Peoples through art, beading, music, and storytelling.	
5.0	SPEAC Meeting Update: Bruce Nixon	<p>Bruce Nixon shared the discussion related to shared governance. Per the request of SPEAC, the following Guiding questions were discussed: In reflecting on our current committee structure, what recommendations do you have for innovation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For example, does the purpose and function statement need to be revised? Is there overlap between this committee and other committees? Would you propose merging with any other committee(s), and if so, which committee(s)? ○ Keeping in mind the requirements of the Brown Act, would you define your committee as a committee, workgroup, or taskforce? (A committee is required to post the agenda 72 hours before a scheduled public meeting; take minutes, approve minutes, and post minutes; and meet in person with quorum.) <p>The committee members stated the following: (1) SEC feels strongly that it should remain a committee, and further, that its purpose and function should be strengthened to reflect greater participation in the metrics associated with the College’s Student Equity Plan. As a committee SEC has its “ear to the ground” with the students and their concerns around equity issues. Much of the impactful changes to the campus in recent years have originated in/been the direct result of the efforts of SEC (i.e., Honors intake process, First Peoples Native Center, the Pride Center, etc.).</p>	N/A
6.0	DEISA Council Update: Tami Pearson	No report.	N/A
7.0	Associated Students Update:	No report.	N/A
8.0	Research Update: Melissa Vang	No report.	N/A
9.0	Year-End Report of Accomplishments Recap	No report.	N/A
10.0	Other: Banned Book Month Recap Schedule Committee Members 1-1 Meetings	<p>Andrea Gonzalez provided insights from BBM; there’s been an uptick of banning books – the Library and Multicultural Center collaborated to magnify the library’s continued efforts; guest speakers Isabel Quintero and Mike Curato shared their personal experiences as a banned book; positive student turnout.</p> <p>Garett Staley shared an upcoming event on Oct 22, 2024 at 11am to 1:30pm in Founders Hall: Being an Addiction Counselor.</p> <p>Bruce Nixon announced the 1-1 meetings will be setup for new committee members to discuss roles and responsibilities and their input.</p>	Catherine Parks will setup the 1-1 meetings with Garett, Luiz, and Andrea.

Scheduled Student Equity Meeting Dates: Oct 28; Nov 25; Mar 10

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